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I understand there was a public hearing today on this proposed bill. I did not attend or submit testimony since after reading the bill I felt uninformed on why this is being considered. Just a small mention on the topic in meeting minutes. I cannot seem to find any data that explains how the decision was made to expand / build the Civic Network.

I have question on the validity of this fee / tax being proposed and below are just a few question that come to mind and I would like answered by your committee regarding RSB 104. I would imagine that many would also be interested in the how and why.

- Percentage of CT citizens that actually tune in currently.
- Projections on expected viewer numbers once the network is expanded.
- Provide the CT citizens with the cost analysis performed for this fee (another tax in reality)
- Provide projections on fee increases over time.
- The cost to the cable company accommodate this add to their billing ? (we know that will be passed on)
- Justification that this is a necessity rather than a nice to have for the state.

Considering the budget issues, high taxes in CT, lack of job growth, people and business exiting CT and then to see legislators focus on what seems to be a nice to have rather than a necessity is frustrating and discouraging. As I am sure many others in this state feel the same. It seems like CT setting up a "Go Fund Me" but donations are not voluntary!! Equal to "no new taxes" = we will just call them fees.

I look forward to the receiving your response and documentation that shows this is a necessity, well planned out, and how this ranks above the other issues within the state.

Thank You  
Layne McLennan